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REMARKS

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Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-18 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected.

In the present response, Claim 19 is amended to more clearly define the invention.

Support for amended part c) of claim 19 can be found on page 13, lines 7-12. Support for the amended part d) of claim 19 can be found on page 6, lines 17-24; page 7, lines 11-23; page 10, lines 20 —page 11, line 4; page 11, lines 9-24; page 12, lines 3-8; page 13, lines 21-33; page 14, lines 21-25.

Claim Rejections:

The Examiner has rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent 4,759,964 (Fischer).

The transfer member of claim 19 has a body having a carbon-fiber reinforced composite material. The body has a top surface and a bottom surface. Metal films that form reflective surfaces cover the top and bottom surfaces of the carbon-fiber reinforced composite body. Glass fiber epoxy resin layers cover the sides of the metal films opposite the sides in contact with the carbon-fiber reinforced composite material. These glass fiber epoxy resin layers form the outer layers of the transfer member. The amended claim 19 clearly states that the at least one electroconductive polymer part of d) is bonded to the body of step a) and electrically connected to exposed carbon fibers of said carbon-fiber reinforced composite material of the body of step a). In addition, the amended claim 19 clearly states that a portion of said at least one electroconductive polymer part is in contact with said device. The at least one electroconductive polymer part of d) electrically connected to exposed carbon fibers of said carbon-fiber reinforced composite material of the body of step a) provides a path for discharging static electricity from the device being transferred. (page 13, lines 27-32).

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If the layer 1 of Fischer were glass fiber epoxy resin layers as the Examiner proposes, the surface in contact with the device being transferred would be a non-conductive layer and there would be no mechanism for discharging static electricity from the device being transferred.

Claim 20 depends from claim 19, and therefore incorporates all of the limitations of claim 19. Fischer does not contain all of the limitations of Applicants' claim 19, nor does it teach or suggest these features. Consequently, claims 19 and 20 are not anticipated by Fischer, and are not obvious over Fischer. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 19 and 20.

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